



MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, November 9, 2016, at Noon**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room B-105 – 500 Forest St., Wausau**

Committee Members: Craig McEwen, Chair, Jim Schaefer, Vice-Chair, Sherry Abitz, Jack Hoogendyk, Karen Kellbach, Jean Maszk, Yee Leng Xiong

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

Committee Mission Statement: *Provide leadership for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to public safety initiatives of Marathon County.*

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comment (15 minute limit)**
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Public Safety Meeting on October 12, 2016**
4. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**
 - A. Uniform Addressing: Draft Recommendations for Installation and Sign Placement (Becky Frisch and Preston Vande Voort)
 - B. Presentation on Partnership for Youth (Becky Bogen & Deanna Schuette)
 - C. Progress Report on Negotiations with Lincoln and Langlade Counties on a Tri-County Agreement Regarding North Central Health Care (Karger)
5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration**
 - A. None
6. **Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:**
 - A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
 - B. Next meeting: **Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at Noon** the Courthouse Assembly Room
7. **Adjournment**

“Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk’s Office at 715-261-1500 or e-mail infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /s/ Craig McEwen
Presiding Officer or Designee

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MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 – 12:00 p.m.
Assembly Room (B-105), Courthouse

Attendance:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Craig McEwen, Chair	X	
Jim Schaefer, Vice-Chair	X	
Sherry Abitz	X	
Jack Hoogendyk	X	
Karen Kellbach	X	
Jean Maszk	X	
Yee Leng Xiong	X	

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Kurt Gibbs, Preston Vande Voort, Vicki Tylka, Laura Yarie, Chad Billeb, Ken Heimerman, Scott Parks, Laura Yarie, Mary Palmer

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Craig McEwen at 12:00 p.m.

2. **Public Comment** – None

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 14, 2016, Public Safety Meetings**
**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY XIONG; TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016, PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**

A. **Update on Uniform Addressing**

The criteria for Uniform Addressing has been pared down from 11 to 6. Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ) is continuing to work on a process to engage municipalities not participating so if they change their mind at a later date they could join without a huge amount of work.

30 to 40 percent of municipalities currently participating have responded to an inventory on their signs which includes the condition of the posts, location, and that information will be used for implementation into the plan.

- CPZ is continuing to work on the plan and it's coming together
- Kronenwetter, Weston, Stratford, Rothschild have said yes they will participate
- Marathon City and City of Marshfield both said no they will not participate

Deadline for cost sharing is the question everyone wants answered.

It's being looked into whether something can go out with the 2017 tax bills to inform the public.

5. **Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration**

A. **White House Data-Driven Justice Initiative**

Discussion:

The White House is looking for counties to participate in the White House Data Driven Policy (WHDDP) to address people with serious mental illness, substance abuse and chronic health problems who repeatedly cycle through multiple systems and people held in jail before trial because they cannot afford to bond out. We would commit to creating or expanding real data sharing as permitted by law, diverting this population from the criminal justice system prior to arrest when appropriate and implement data-driven risk assessment tools.

1% of patients are utilizing the services delivery models consuming 20% or more of the cost.

The requirements to participate are that the CEO agrees to participate and commit one person to listen on a biweekly conference call webinar. Lance Leonhard, Deputy County Administrator, has volunteered to be the bi-weekly contact.

Right now we do not have any funding requests for this initiative, nor can we anticipate future savings.

Evidence Based Decision Making (EBDM) is very similar to what this new initiative is in some regards. The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) has asked Marathon County to participate in the Kentucky initiatives. This team is working to identify those in the jail who are low risk but have AODA and mental health issues. If we can get these under control it would help reduce jail bed days.

Officers are being trained for CIP – Crisis Intervention Partnership. Have trained over 300 people which include, dispatch, patrol, crisis workers,

Action:

MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY SCHAEFER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DATA DRIVEN JUSTICE INITIATIVE AND MOVE TO COUNTY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through:

No follow through needed.

B. Juvenile Justice Task Force

Discussion:

Yee Leng Xiong presented his plan to establish a Juvenile Justice and Crime Prevention Task Force to reduce youth offenders and the number of re-offenders.

Vicki Tylka, Director of Social Services gave a background that there several years ago there was a similar task force and the membership was much broader. That led to the development of “Partnership for Youth” coalition that still exists. This very active coalition addresses juvenile needs from pre-K to 17. The coalition applied for a technical assistance grant to learn more about non-criminalizing youth before they get into the system.

The Department of Social Services tracks re-offenses in Marathon County. They also use a risk assessment tool to identify those with high potential to offend. Partnership of Youth is working toward not duplicating services in the county.

Juvenile records are protected by statute. But certain aggregate data could be shared.

Xiong will meet with Becky Bogen and check into the Partnership of Youth.

Action:

Xiong moved to withdraw his request.

Follow through:

No follow through needed.

6. Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:

A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion

- November or December presentation on Partnership for Youth (Social Services)
 - Emergency Response Plan and Hazardous Mitigation Plan (Emergency Management)
- B. Next meeting: **Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at Noon** the Courthouse Assembly Room

Jail capacity is 421 today. Lincoln, Langlade, Taylor and Shawano Counties for overflow. DA's office will break all-time record. Trends are meth and heroin.

Ideas and proposals to lower jail population. Have a presentation to the Board on this.

7. Adjournment

MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY SCHAEFER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Palmer



Marathon County
Uniform Addressing Sign Installation: Policy Considerations
November 1, 2016

1. Criteria. As part of the implementation of the uniform addressing system, the county must establish physical location criteria for the placement of the address sign and the party responsible for posting the new address signs. The recommendations identified by the Emergency Services Advisory Group and the Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ) staff are:

- A standard location for the address sign
- A standard height for the address sign
- A consistent crew to install the address signs.

2. Sign Installation Alternatives. Who will be installing the address and road signs is a key component. Uniformity in the installation of signs must be maintained countywide. There are two alternatives being considered:

a. Single Independent, County-wide Vendor. A consistent crew would be a county-wide independent crew contracted to install all town address signs in the county.

Pros:

- Accountability to the county
- Expertise in best practices
- Uniformity with one consistent crew
- Controlled scheduling with implementation
- Correct amount of installers for the job
- Coordination with one company instead of 40+ municipalities
- Coordination with one voice to Diggers Hotline (multiple dig sites)
- Subdue hostile tension from residents (the contractor is following the county's instructions)
- Specialized insurance coverage
- Turnkey with minimum oversight from local officials

Cons:

- Cost of contracted service

b. Locally Led Installation. Towns have indicated local fire departments and 1st responders could do/assist in the installation of town address signs.

Pros:

- Shared purpose: Outreach from the town and fire department to their citizens
- Cost savings if done by volunteers

Cons:

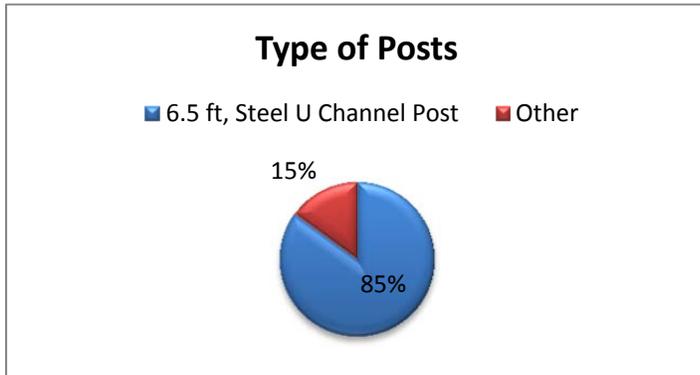
- Will the number of volunteers be adequate for the job
- CPZ to coordinate 40+ municipalities
- Coordination by the town project leaders to Diggers Hotline (multiple dig sites)
- Outside influences/interruptions such as E911 calls
- Ability to stay on schedule
- Dependency on volunteers leads to higher level of administration oversight

Draft recommendations for Implementation: *An independent crew contracted to install town address and road signs.*



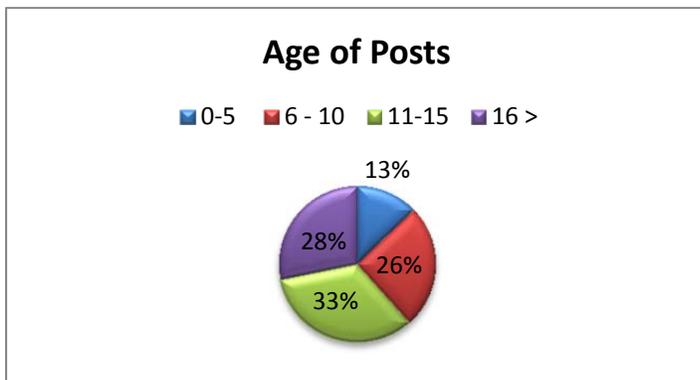
Marathon County
Uniform Addressing Project
Address Sign and Post Inventory for Towns

1. What kind of address post do you have?



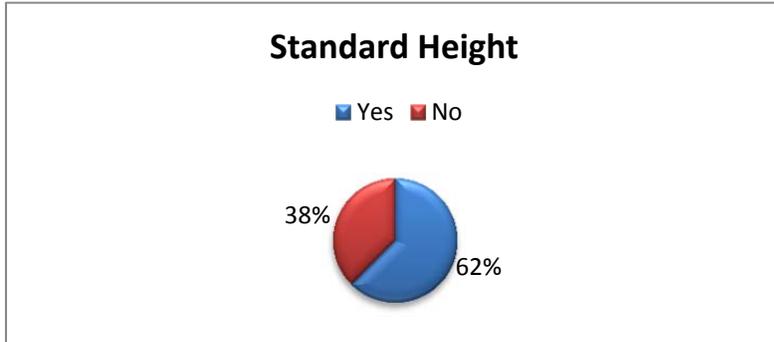
Majority of the towns are using the standard 6.5 ft., 1.12lb/ft. steel green u channel post.

2. How old are the majority of the Town's address post?



13% of towns have newer posts. These towns have done a complete resigning project in the last 5 years.

3. Does your Town have a standard height from ground surface for address sign?



A standard height is needed.

Towns that said yes to standard height: 20 towns have a standard height of 4 ft. and 5 towns have a standard height of 5 ft.

4. Does your Town have a uniform location for address post?

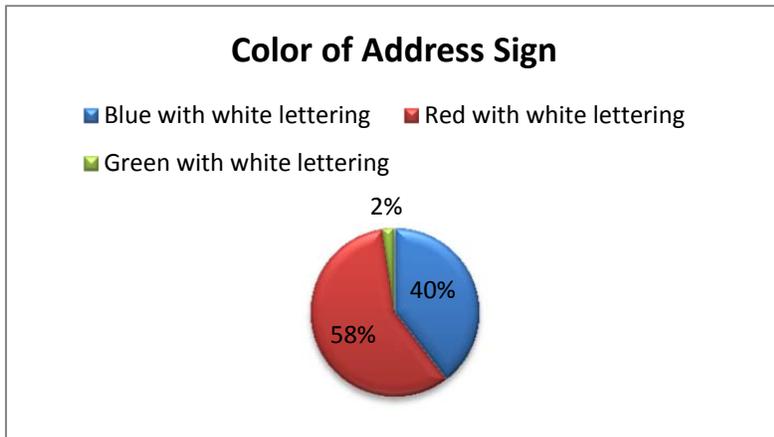


A uniform location is needed.

Towns that said yes to a uniform location: 8 towns have the left side of driveway location and 8 towns have right side of driveway location when entering the property.

Left side of driveway: Study conducted by Town of Wausau Fire Department indicates left side ideal due to snow plowing and snow pile up on the right side.

5. What reflective color combination is your current address sign?



Uniform sign color combination is needed county-wide.

Majority of the current signs are Red with White lettering.

Blue with White lettering has been trending up for towns over the years.

Recommendations will be made from the Sheriff's Department for the best visibility at night.

Draft Recommendations for Implementation Plan:

- 1) The **Standard Type** of post will be 6 ½ ft., 1.12 lb. ft. steel green u channel post
- 2) The **Standard Height** of address sign from road grade will be 4 ft.

- 3) The **Uniform Location** of address sign when possible will be located on the left side when entering driveway. Flexibility is needed for physical features along with visibility obstructions.
- 4) The **Standards to Re-use Posts**: Posts that are less the 6 years old (inventory based) and located in the uniform location, post may be re-used. Posts that are older than 6 years old (inventory based) and located in the uniform location, installer evaluates condition and determines to re-use post.
- 5) The best address sign color combination for nighttime emergency response is **Blue Background with White Numbers**. Recommendation made by Captain Dale Wisnewski, Marathon County Sheriff's Department, independent study. Findings supported with Captain Jason Plaza, who conducted a similar independent study several years ago, that utilized more surveys of area Fire Departments.